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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005, having a shortened period for response set to expire on October 1, 2005. A petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to January 1, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.